

Appendix B - Post Final EA FONSI

Environmental Justice Community Group

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Organization	Tues 12/10 11:00am - 12:30pm	Thurs 12/12 3:00pm - 4:30pm	Tues 12/17 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Status Update
ALIGN				
Chhaya				
El Puente				
NAACP - Metropolitan Council Region, NY				Email was undeliverable
New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance				
New York City Environmental Justice Alliance		X	X	Kevin Garcia RSVP
South Bronx Unite				
UPROSE		X		Elizabeth and Sebastian sebastian@uprose.org
WE ACT for Environmental Justice				
GOLES				
National Action Network			X	Steffie Bartley
Community Voices Heard				
Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice (YMPJ)				
Hispanic Federation			Declined	
Asian American Federation				
Make the Road New York				Email was undeliverable
NAACP - Long Island Region				
NAACP - NJ State Conference				Email was undeliverable
New York Urban League				
The Point CDC				
Urban League of Bergen County				Email was undeliverable
Urban League of Essex County				
Urban League of Hudson County				
Urban League of Union County				
WE STAY/Nos Quedamos			X	
Ironbound Community Corporation				
Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation				
The HOPE Program (formerly Sustainable South Bronx)				
South Ward Environmental Alliance				Email was undeliverable
Urban Indigenous Collective				
American Indian Community House	X		X	Patricia Tarrant RSVP
United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and North Brooklyn	X	X	X	Slava Rar RSVP
Staten Island Urban Center				
ERASE Racism New York				
Northern New Jersey Community Foundation				

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Central Business District Tolling Program

Environmental Justice Community Group



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The Problem

Congestion Costs New Yorkers

- Since 2010, travel speeds have decreased by 23% from 9.2 mph to just 7.1 mph.
- According to the Mayor's Management Report, ambulance response times have increased steadily due to traffic, putting lives at risk.

Transit Needs Investment

- Transit is as essential to New York as air and water. We can't function without it.
- 85% of all workers who commute to Manhattan below 60 St take transit.



The Solution

Congestion Pricing

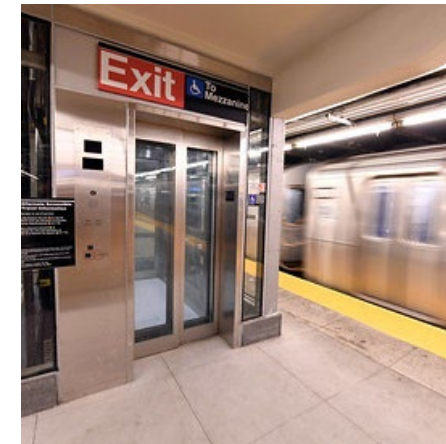
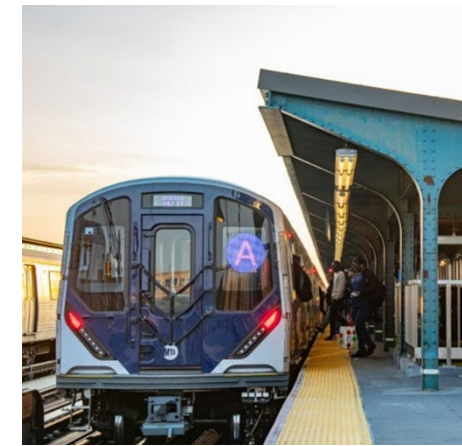
- In 2019, the State Legislature passed a law directing the MTA to implement the Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP) in partnership with NYCDOT and NYSDOT (aka the Project Sponsors).
- Charging a toll to vehicles entering the Congestion Relief Zone (CRZ) will both **reduce traffic congestion** and **raise revenue for critical investments in transit**.



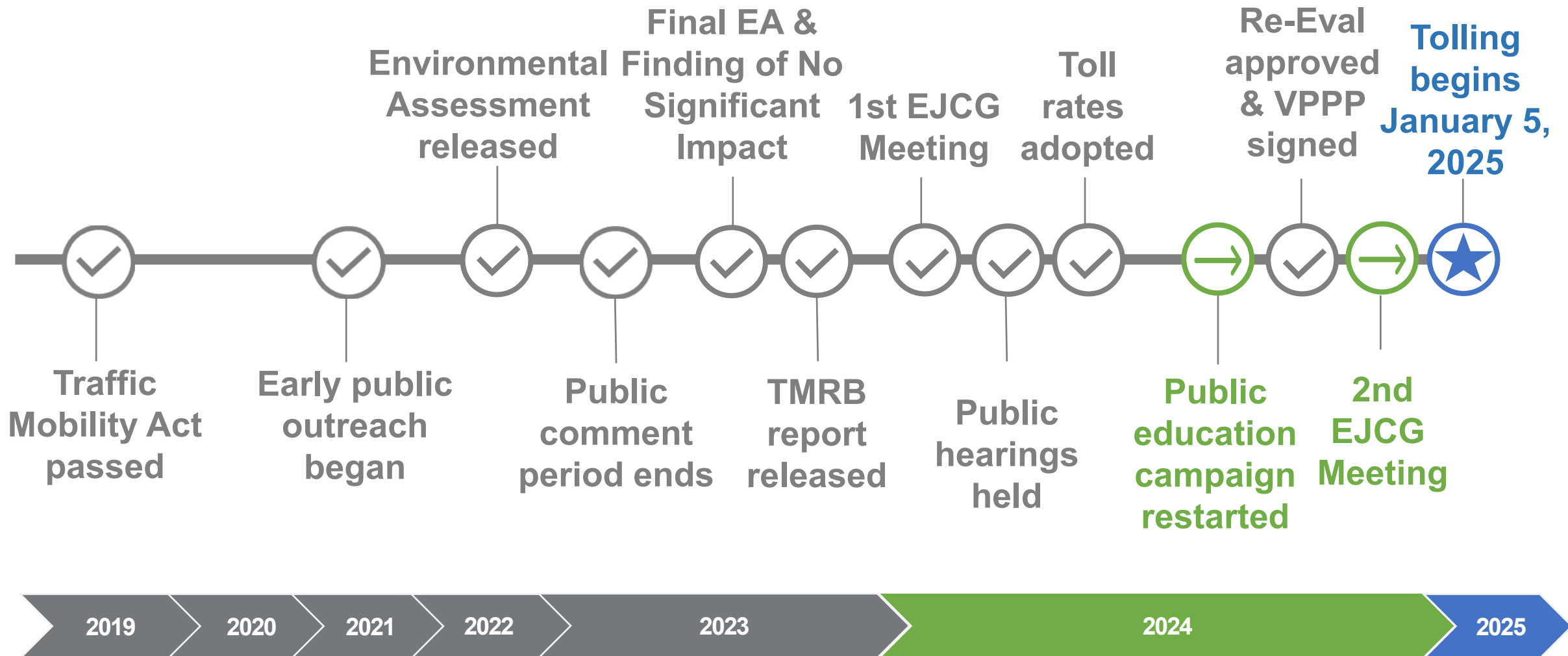
Transit Improvements

\$15 B in Capital Improvements

\$2 B	20+ station accessibility improvements
\$3 B	Signal upgrades along the ACBDFM lines
\$3 B	Second Avenue Subway extension to East Harlem
\$1.5 B	New railcars
\$500 M	New electric buses and charging infrastructure
\$5 B	State of Good Repair projects



Where We've Been, Where We Are Going



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Final Toll Rates

Passenger Vehicles, Motorcycles and Trucks

- Tolls are charged as vehicles enter the CRZ – not for exiting or staying within the zone.
- Passenger vehicles & motorcycles are tolled no more than once daily, charged based on first entry into the CRZ. Other vehicles are charged every time they enter.
- Peak period runs from 5am to 9pm Mon-Fri, and 9am to 9pm Sat-Sun. Overnight tolls rates are 75% less.

Phase 1 (2025-2027) Vehicle Type	E-ZPass Rate		Tolls by Mail Rate	
	Peak	Overnight	Peak	Overnight
Passenger Vehicles (Sedans, pickup trucks, SUVs, minivans, small vans)	\$9.00	\$2.25	\$13.50	\$3.30
Motorcycles	\$4.50	\$1.05	\$6.75	\$1.65
Small trucks (single-unit, box trucks), Charter buses	\$14.40	\$3.60	\$21.60	\$5.40
Large trucks (multi-unit trucks), Tour buses	\$21.60	\$5.40	\$32.40	\$8.10



Discount & Exemption Plans

Certain drivers or vehicles may qualify for these discount and exemption plans:

- Low-Income Discount Plan (LIDP)
- Individual Disability Exemption Plan (IDEP)
- Organizational Disability Exemption Plan (ODEP)
- Emergency Vehicle Exemption Plan (EVEP)
- Commuter Bus Exemptions Plan (CoBEP)
- Specialized Government-Owned Vehicles Exemption Plan (SGOVEP)

More information at congestionreliefzone.mta.info/discounts



Mitigations for Low-Income Drivers

To ensure CBDTP does not result in a potential disproportionately high and adverse impact on low-income drivers who have no other reasonable alternative to driving, the Project Sponsors committed to the following:

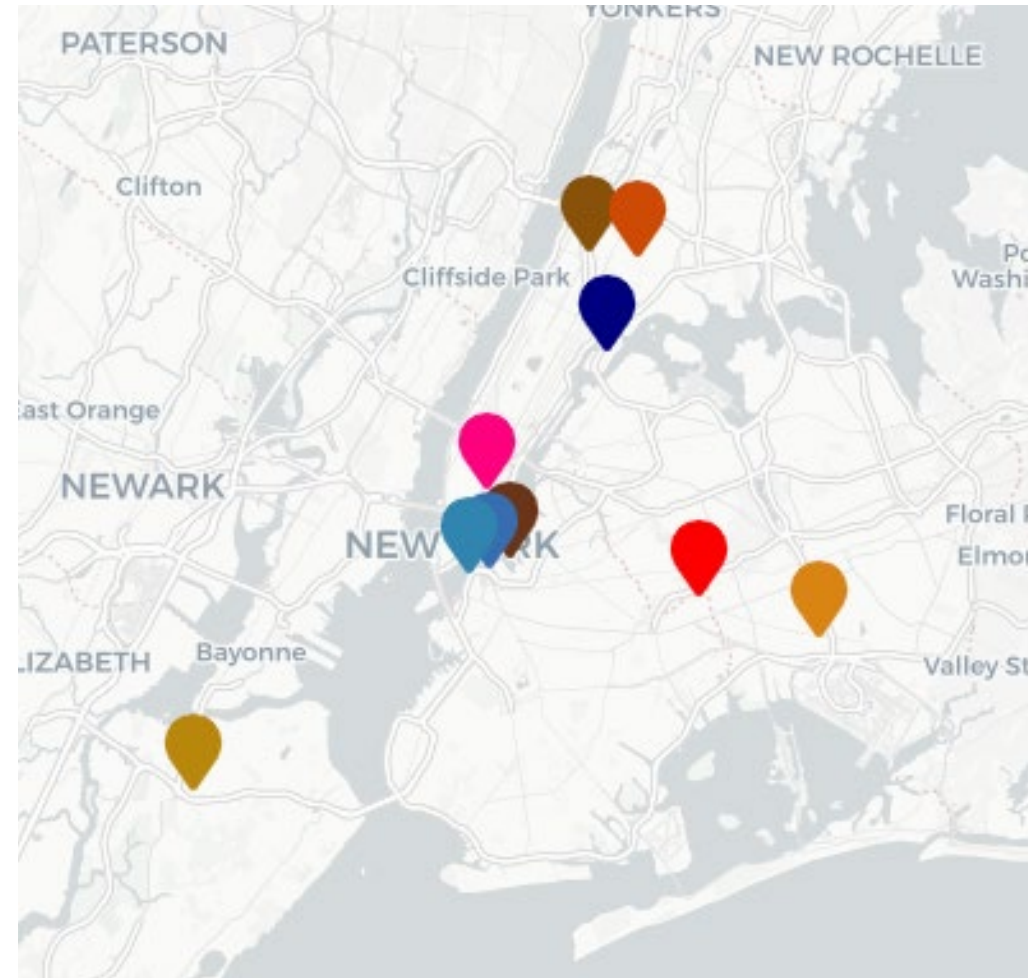
- There will be a tax credit for CBD residents with a household State Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) under \$60K.
- The \$10 E-ZPass tag deposit for customers without credit card backup has been eliminated.
- Enhanced promotion of existing E-ZPass payment and plan options.
- Education and outreach on existing discounted transit fare programs.



AQ Monitoring & Reporting

Six additional real-time PM_{2.5} monitoring sites funded by CBDTP

- Hamilton Bridge
- Mott Haven
- Port Richmond
- Cross Bronx Expwy
- FDR Drive Expwy
- Van Wyck Expwy



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Mitigations – Regional

\$55M in funding dedicated to the following regional mitigation measures:

- \$30 M – Deeply reduced overnight toll (-75%)
- \$20 M – Expansion of the NYC Clean Trucks Program
- \$5 M – Expansion of the NYC DOT Off-Hours Delivery Program



Mitigations – Place-Based

\$100M in funding dedicated to the following place-based mitigation measures:

- \$0 – Toll northbound vehicles exiting the FDR Drive at East Houston Street
- \$15 M – Replace Transport Refrigeration Units (TRUs)
- \$20 M – Implement Electric Truck Charging Infrastructure
- \$10 M – Install Roadside Vegetation
- \$25 M – Renovate Parks and Greenspaces
- \$10 M – Install Air Filtration Units in Schools Near Highways
- \$20 M – Establish Asthma Case Management Program and Bronx Center



Mitigations – Environmental Justice Communities

13 communities identified:

New York

- Crotona - Tremont
- High Bridge - Morrisania
- Hunts Point - Mott Haven
- Northeast Bronx
- Pelham - Throgs Neck
- Downtown Brooklyn–Fort Greene
- South Williamsburg
- East Harlem
- Randall’s Island

New Jersey

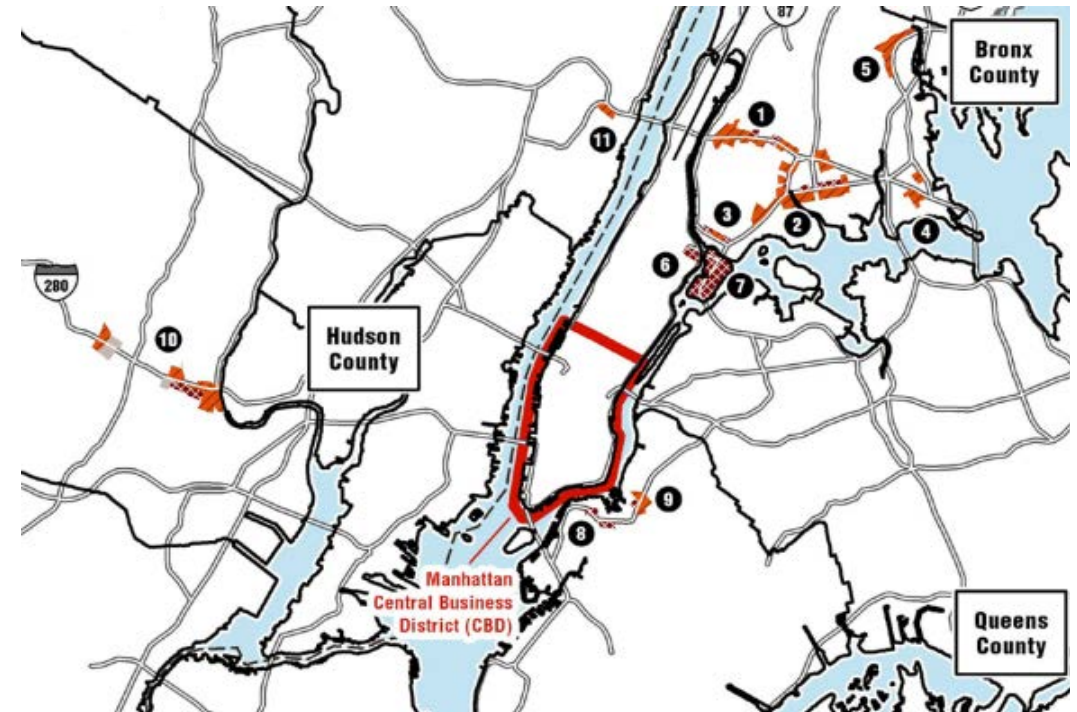
- Fort Lee
- City of Orange
- East Orange
- Newark



Mitigations – Siting Methodology

Past and Ongoing Steps

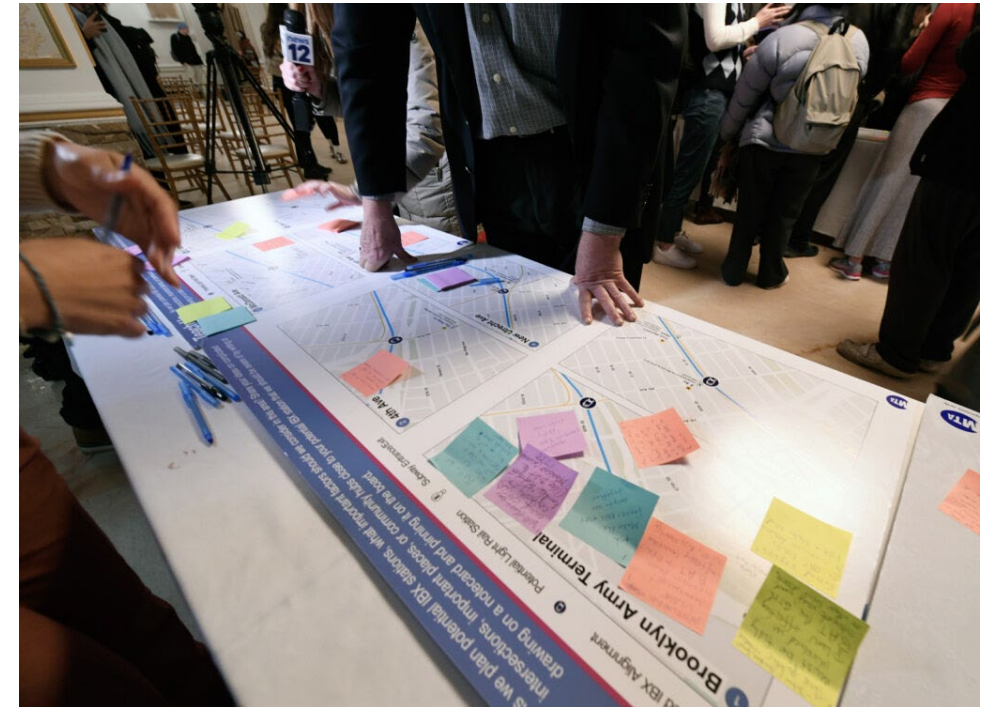
- ✓ Identify Communities for Place-Based Mitigation
- Analyze Existing Conditions in Communities and Assess Suitability of Mitigation Measures
- Engage with Relevant Agencies
- Engage with the Environmental Justice Community Group



Mitigations – Siting Next Steps

Upcoming Steps

- Continue coordination with implementing agencies to determine site feasibility
- Refine distribution of potential sites to ensure equitable allocation
- Develop mitigation plan with community input



Q&A

- Do you have any unanswered questions or concerns about how the program will work?
- In the chat, let us know:
 - How can the Project Sponsors better communicate important features of this program to the communities your organizations represent?
 - What would you like to discuss at the next EJCG meeting, which will be scheduled within 6 months after Go-Live?



DATE PREPARED	1/03/25
PREPARED BY	Marta Antonio
SUBJECT	EJCG Meeting Notes
MEETING DATE	12/ 17/24
LOGISTICS	Virtual

Attendees

Name	Affiliation
Nichola Angel	Vice President of Tolling Strategy, MTA
Paul Friman	General Counsel, TBTA
Dr. Rosalynn Green	Deputy Chief Diversity and Inclusion officer, MTA
Zulema Robinson	Senior Director of BOS & Exemptions, MTA B&T
Nathanael Rotsko	Acting Director of Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement, MTABT
Tanisa Phillips	Senior Strategic Analyst, MTA TBTA
Danny Randall	Assistant Director for Government and Community Relations MTA HQ
Naomi Renek	Senior Advisor, Federal Policy, MTA
Deb Nelson	Office of Policy, Planning and Performance State-NYSDOT
Catherine Leslie	Office of Policy, Planning and Performance State-NYSDOT
Will Carry	Assistant Commissioner for Policy- NYCDOT
Rami Metal	Director of Strategic Engagement NYCDOT
Patrick Smith	Director of New Mobility on the policy – NYCDOT
Rick Marquis	FHWA
Kevin Garcia	Senior Transportation Planner- New York City Environmental Justice Alliance.
Michael Johnson	South Bronx Unite
Oscar Damos	We Stay
Melissa Miles	Executive Director- New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance
Anne Castillo	El Puente Le Williamsburg.

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Follow-Up Items

- The presentation will be shared along with digital marketing tools.

Discussion NotesQNA:

1. Question: Is there some sort of graphic chart or table that shows the projected uptick in emissions for the tolling structure now versus what the mitigation measures will reduce? (Kevin Garcia)

Answer: So, the emissions is discussed in the EA, and I can get back to you on exact numbers if I can find them. But the mitigations are more about environmental justice communities. There are no emissions thresholds or air quality thresholds that are being exceeded by this project. So, you know, sometimes in environmental review, you know, say that there's some sort of factory being built, you know, there might be, you know, some emissions from that. This isn't the case here. So, these emissions are, are these mitigations are dedicated to communities that sort of, you know, where we're acknowledging have these historic burdens, chronic, you know, burdens. And, and then they also have the potential to have additional truck traffic. And the mitigations are more meant for the community rather than the specific, you know, emissions number. That said, just something as much as, you know, just one of the mitigations like replacing the TRUS is going to have such an incredible benefit, you know, which we'll we're you know, we're expecting to far outweigh any additional trucks. So really sort of broad benefits to a really wide community, you know, rather than sort of like specific locations. (Nathanael Rotsko)

2. Question: If I'm not sure if the dashboard website is live yet, but if a link can be shared with that, but you know, how are the locations chosen and are these new like locations that are going to be monitored? ... if these are new locations where there have not been air quality monitors beforehand, are we going to be able to compare before, you know, the program begins versus when after the program, you know, starts? (Kevin Garcia)

Answer: So DOHMH had an existing air quality program where they were monitoring the whole city, and the monitors were spread out to the city. So, they could really understand other than just at that one location kind of regionally how things were, you know, where there were, there were issues. The six additional that is funded by the congestion pricing. Those went online earlier this spring and those have been reporting since. So, I, I don't have the link on me, but if you go to the city's it's called, environmental and health data. (Nathanael Rotsko)

3. Question: You know, I'd just like, I'd like more details about that and figure out how we can support that the engagement. You know what the thoughts are around the projects, if that's something that's going to be discussed with community? (Melissa Miles)

Answer: As I mentioned, we've just started reaching out to the four communities in New Jersey that are eligible for these mitigation measures. And, you know, we've reached out to mayors, we're starting to reach out to school boards, whoever. But when it comes time to actually, you know, engaging the community or just, you know, maybe, you know, facilitating conversations with people in New Jersey, Melissa, we'd actually love, you know, if we can reach out to folks like you to help with that. And that goes to any of these communities. So, the mitigations are still being, you know, where the measures are going to be implemented or can be implemented is still being figured out just for, you know, talking to all the different agencies. But in New Jersey, there is eligibility for renovation of parks and green space as well as the roadside vegetation. Also, communities there is eligibility for air filtration in schools. So, as we move past the January 5th go live date, we're going to continue to refine the sighting methodology. We're going to continue to engage with these communities and you know, keep them updated on this. (Nathanael Rotsko)

4. Question: I see there's a monitor in Mott Haven and you're monitoring PM 2.5, but you're not monitoring the gases. Is there a reason why not the COSNOS and also black carbon of although all those are found including close proximity to traffic and even? (Mychal Johnson)

Answer: I was just going to say, I, should have mentioned there are also black carbon monitors that we're working to get online as well. Those are not real time. I'm just showing the real time PM to the black carbon monitors. They need to be deployed for I believe it's two weeks every quarter and they are not a real time thing. They come back to the lab and those results are being analyzed and those will be included in the formal report that will be issued. As far as the other, you know, the other pollutants you mentioned, we, you know, we're not experts in this. So, we partnered with DOHMH. You know, they're, they have these ongoing programs that, you know, we're able to tap into because instead of starting from scratch, we're able to build on something that's already existing. But also, because, as Kevin was saying, it sort of shows compares apples, you know, across time. You know, we can see what the air quality look like before the program and then we can report, you know, if there's changes over time. (Nathanael Rotsko)

Part A: So, are they monitoring the gases or just PM 2.5? (Mychal Johnson)

Answer: The only ones I am familiar with are PM 2.5 and black carbon. I just don't know if they are monitoring for others. I can try to; I can try to track that down though. State Dec has mobile monitoring been taking place for a long time. They have data. We have a number about four dozen air quality miners deployed in the My Haven area that's publicly facing data that some of which a large portion is gas monitors as well as PM. (Nathanael Rotsko) In addition to these real time PM 2.5 monitoring sites, which are in addition to the existing network. So this is additive on top of what the Department of Health and Mental Health Hygiene also has the New York City Community Air Survey, which is the network of local community air quality monitors, which I believe will be part of the air quality monitoring for this program, includes obviously defined particulates, but also nitrogen dioxide, nitric oxide and sulfur dioxide. If you'd like, we can also circle back up with our colleagues at DOHMH to get to get you further details on the locations of the monitors and all the specific pollutants to be tracked. (Will Carry)

Part B: Have you all monitored that situation and could in areas that you see there will be diversions according to your, since those already diversions already taking place, how are they, how's the cumulative impact on the proposed diversions you all are proposing in these areas like Mott Haven? ... I mean, you know, we are of course we're at the foot of the Triborough Bridge or the RFK where folks are coming from upstate diverting into our community to get around that toll to get to Manhattan. And then they're coming off of Willis Ave. Bridge from Manhattan and the FDR to, to go to the Bruckner Expressway via our roads, our inner streets to avoid going across the Triborough Bridge again to hit the toll. So, I think I'm sure you all have monitored that. I'd just love, love to see the data on that and of also how that will interact with the diversion that you already exist. Are you already proposing or see that will probably hit this our community as well in this in response to the CBD? (Mychal Johnson)

Answer: So, first, just about diversions, the higher the toll, the more diversions will happen. So, at that, you know, you know, I'm sure a lot of you know that we studied a variety of different scenarios ranging from \$9 to \$23. The \$23 toll had the high, high number of diversions whereas the lower tolls had lower as the toll that was selected is starting at \$9. The diversions are also going to be lower. But we are very committed to monitoring this. So, we have been partnering with City dot, which is why I thought Will wanted to jump in on traffic monitoring at highways and at intersections to get a pre congestion pricing readings. We will not then go back after the program has gone live, do monitoring at the same locations and compare them across to really get an idea of what's going on. You know, in our analysis, we used models, we use the most conservative analysis we could, but it's still just, you know, an estimate. So that is why we're doing the monitoring, so we can really know what's going on. And that will be included in the annual report. (Nathanael Rotsko)... So, Michael, as you know, you know, as required by statute, we are required to, as Nathaniel stated, provide some pre information. But also, by statute, we have a biannual report and then there will be some periodic reporting that we're doing as well. And so, once the program goes live, there will likely be more information published as time go on. We're still working out what that cadence is in terms of showing some of the before and after information. So, some of that information will be, you know, published hopefully sooner rather than later, but it's part of what we have to commit to based on the statutory of the program. (Nichola Angel)

Part C: Are you, are you saying that the mitigation number of 150, a \$155,000,000 will stay the same?

Answer: Oh, yes, it will (Nathanael Rotsko)

5. Question: But I had a specific question in regard to mitigation and the implementation of electric charging infrastructure. Are there any insights or, or thoughts on where, where that might go or the, the process for that? (Daniela Castillo)

Answer: So, the sites are not set yet. his is actually one of the, the, the biggest, most complicated pieces because it's not, you know, we're finding the sites, we're talking to the power authority to make sure that, you know, there's power at these sites There's a lot of pieces. So that is still in the works. That's going to be some of things that's going through. But one of the interesting things about that piece is the benefits, even though it's, it's considered a place-based mitigation, the benefits are regional. You know, by providing this electric truck infrastructure, we are making it easier for companies to transition into electric truck charging. You know, that's always the biggest complaint or, or concern is, you know, I'd love to, but you know, how do I charge it? So, if we're able to, you know, help build on a network to, to

have charging, it's going to help companies switch. And as those trucks are driving throughout our city and our region, it's going to help with, you know, the air quality throughout the whole area. But so, to answer directly, we don't have the sites yet. (Nathanael Rotsko)

Part A: Is this something that we might expect like as we continue convening as, as groups? (Daniela Castillo)

Answer: Oh, yeah. I'm sorry if I didn't make that clear earlier in my slides. We are, you know, we're talking to the city agencies, we're talking to New Jersey agencies. That's more about like feasibility of sites. We actually really want to talk to you as well as community once we get some of these sites sorted out because, you know, there might be some park that me sitting here I think is great. But then if I come and talk to you, Daniela, you'll say, oh, no, no, that you know, that park. You know, we actually would prefer it over here so that that there's going to be this continued on ongoing conversation as as this whole program develops. (Nathanael Rotsko)

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December 11, 2024

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Mr. Jackson:

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Mr. Restaino:

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City of Newark Mayor's Office
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Mr. Baraka:

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Christopher Hartwyk, Business Administrator
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From: "Zhen, Charlie" <charlie.zhen@mtahq.org>

To: Elizabeth Knauer <eknauer@sprlaw.com>

Subject: Fwd: Confirming February 4th at 11 AM for Mitigation Measures for New York's Central Business District Tolling Program

Date: Fri, 17 Jan 2025 17:46:31 +0000

Importance: Normal

Hi Elizabeth,

This is for Fort Lee.

Best,

Charlie Zhen

Manager, Community Engagement – MTA HQ

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From: Gmach, David (Consultant) <David.Gmach-Consultant@mtacd.org>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 11:13 AM

To: Mayor <mayor@fortleenj.org>

Cc: Choye, Yassin (Consultant) <Yassin.Choye-Consultant@mtacd.org>; Zhen, Charlie <charlie.zhen@mtahq.org>; Lewis, Michael <Michael.Lewis@hdrinc.com>

Subject: Confirming February 4th at 11 AM for Mitigation Measures for New York's Central Business District Tolling Program

Maryanne,

Thanks again. We are confirming that the MTA will meet with Mayor Sokolich and Administrator Restaino on February 4th at 11 AM. We will send out a invitation shortly. If you have a meeting room at 309 Main Street to include that would be great, as well as the names and emails of attendees. Thank you.

Best,

David

From: Mayor <mayor@fortleenj.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 3:34 PM

To: Gmach, David (Consultant) <David.Gmach-Consultant@mtacd.org>; Mayor <mayor@fortleenj.org>

Cc: Rotsko, Nathanael <nathanael.rotsko@mtabt.org>; Choye, Yassin (Consultant) <Yassin.Choye-Consultant@mtacd.org>

Subject: Follow-Up: Meeting Schedule for EA Mitigation Measures for New York's Central Business District Tolling Program

Yes, that is correct.

From: Gmach, David (Consultant) <David.Gmach-Consultant@mtacd.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 3:32 PM
To: Mayor <mayor@fortleenj.org>
Cc: Rotsko, Nathanael <nathanael.rotsko@mtabt.org>; Choye, Yassin (Consultant) <Yassin.Choye-Consultant@mtacd.org>
Subject: RE: Follow-Up: Meeting Schedule for EA Mitigation Measures for New York's Central Business District Tolling Program

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Thanks Maryanne,

I will confirm with the team and get back to you. Is the address 309 Main street in Fort Lee?

From: Mayor <mayor@fortleenj.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 3:26 PM
To: Gmach, David <David.Gmach@hdrinc.com>
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Good Afternoon, David,

The best date for Mayor Sokolich and Administrator Restaino would be Tuesday, February 4 perhaps at 11 am, but you may suggest a time as well. Would you be able to come to our Municipal Building; I can reserve our Conference Room for the meeting.

Please let me know if this date works on your end.

Thank you again for your patience.

Best,

Maryanne

Maryanne Leodori
Mayor's Office
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From: Gmach, David <David.Gmach@hdrinc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 3:11 PM
To: Mayor <mayor@fortleenj.org>
Subject: RE: Follow-Up: Meeting Schedule for EA Mitigation Measures for New York's Central Business District Tolling Program

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Thanks,

Appreciate it

David Gmach

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From: Mayor <mayor@fortleenj.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 3:05 PM

To: Gmach, David <David.Gmach@hdrinc.com>

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A little better...still home. Returning to office tomorrow to catch up. I'll correspond with you by tomorrow afternoon.

On Jan 8, 2025 2:06 PM, "Gmach, David" <David.Gmach@hdrinc.com> wrote:

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Hey Maryanne,

How are you feeling? Let me know if you have dates for us. Really, REALLY appreciate it

David

David Gmach

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From: Gmach, David <David.Gmach@hdrinc.com>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 11:30 AM

To: Mayor <mayor@fortleenj.org>

Subject: RE: Follow-Up: Meeting Schedule for EA Mitigation Measures for New York's Central Business District Tolling Program

Hi Maryanne,

OH NO! I hope you feel better. I know there have been some awful colds going around.

I appreciate your response and will touch base tomorrow.

Be well,

David

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From: Mayor <mayor@fortleenj.org>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 10:44 AM

To: Gmach, David <David.Gmach@hdrinc.com>

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Good Morning, Mr. Gnach,

I have been out of the office sick for the last three days, so I began discussing dates with our Borough Administrator last week. Please give me until tomorrow afternoon or Wednesday morning to provide you with a date which works for both the Mayor and AI.

Thank you and my apologies.

Maryanne Leodori
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On Jan 6, 2025 10:23 AM, "Gmach, David" <David.Gmach@hdrinc.com> wrote:

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Good morning Maryanne,

I hope you had a great weekend. I am following up this morning to see if we can arrange dates. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks

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Good afternoon Maryanne,

Hello and Happy New Year. I am following up on the info that my colleague Jessica sent you on Tuesday and the conversation you had with Naomi Renek from the MTA. Below are the proposed dates for a meeting. I understand from Naomi that you are handling the schedule for both Mayor Sokolich and Borough Administrator Restaino. That sounds great. If there are other dates and times you prefer, please let me know and we will work with you to schedule. We would like to meet by February 4th if that works for you.

Thanks very much.

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Subject: Follow-Up: Meeting Schedule for EA Mitigation Measures for New York's Central Business District Tolling Program

Good morning Maryanne,

Thank you for speaking with me this morning. This is a follow up to a recent phone call with Naomi Renek, MTA Acting Head of Government and Community Relations, with regard to the implementation of certain mitigation measures committed to in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for New York's Central Business District Tolling Program.

We would like to suggest the following dates and times for a meeting in Fort Lee to review the program commitments to your community and to seek your input on how best to proceed with implementation:

January 15 – January 16

January 21 – January 23

January 28 – January 30

February 4 – February 6

Please respond with preferred dates, times, and a location convenient to you.

Thank you,
Jessica

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Cc: "Lewis, Michael" <Michael.Lewis@hdrinc.com>, "Choye, Yassin" <Yassin.Choye@hdrinc.com>, "Rotsko, Nathanael" <nathanael.rotsko@mtabt.org>, "Renek, Naomi" <Naomi.Renek@mtacd.org>, "Angel, Nichola" <nangel@mtabt.org>

Subject: RE: Follow-Up: Scheduling a Meeting in Newark on the Central Business District Tolling Program

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Thanks. This is great, We will send out an invitation for time and date shortly

Best

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No problem at all.

Mr. Pennington has time on the dates you provided as follows:

1/21 3:30 PM
1/22 1:30 PM
1/23 12:00 PM
1/28 1:00 PM

Please let me know which time works best. Thank you.

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Hi,

That is great, thank you so much. Sorry for being such a nudge

David

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I will provide available dates shortly.

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Cc: Lewis, Michael <Michael.Lewis@hdrinc.com>; Choye, Yassin <Yassin.Choye@hdrinc.com>; Rotsko, Nathanael <nathanael.rotsko@mtabt.org>
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Hi Shakeenah and Eric,

I hope you are having a great day. Happy to jump on a call or respond to any questions you may have so we can arrange a meeting. Really appreciate your support,

Thanks so much

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Subject: FW: Follow-Up: Scheduling a Meeting in Newark on the Central Business District Tolling Program

Good morning,

Thank you Salimu,

Shakeenah, a pleasure to meet you. Happy New Year. I look forward to connecting with you. I am happy to speak this morning at your convenience to work on potential dates. I have attached communications from last week with Ahnyah from your office as well.

Thanks very much.

Best,

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Good morning,

Copied on this email is the city's Business Administrator Eric Pennington. Mr. Pennington will be meeting with you on behalf of Mayor Baraka. His assistant Shakeenah Smith is also copied on this email.

Regards,

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Good morning,

I hope you had a great weekend. I am following on our discussion on Thursday. I am happy to have a quick call this afternoon if that is helpful. Thanks again for your support. I look forward to connecting again soon.

Be well,

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Subject: Follow-Up: Scheduling a Meeting in Newark on the Central Business District Tolling Program

Good afternoon,

Salimu, it was a pleasure speaking with you. Happy New Year. Thank you for confirming that you received the letter and email correspondence regarding this initiative. I look forward to hearing back tomorrow to go over dates. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a great day.

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